



**JANUARY 29, 2009**

It is with disbelief and tragic sadness I must bring you the news of the loss of one of SW's founding members, friend to everyone who loves trains, and one of the finest human beings I have ever known, Betty Neid.

Betty had come down with a severe cold just before the Home and Garden Show in Punta Gorda, and was being treated for complications in the Peace River Hospital in Port Charlotte where she died this week.

I think I speak for everyone who has known her when I say that Garden Railroading in Southwest Florida will be not be the same without her. We join in her brother Ray's grief during this time of sadness.

Ray will be receiving friends at:

**Kays-Ponger Funeral Home**

**2405 Harbor Blvd, Port Charlotte**

**Friday, January 30 between 2PM and 4PM, and again from 6PM to 8PM.**

-Paul Wagner

Betty Neid, SW FGRS Christmas Party, Dec 2008

